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ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION

FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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## AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

## **FEE CALCULATION**

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## **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

- 1. \_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. \_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. \_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4.  $\sqrt{\ }$  If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.